

Council of the District of Columbia

Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs

Notice of Public Oversight Roundtable

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

REVISED & ABBREVIATED
NOTICE**COUNCILMEMBER MURIEL BOWSER, CHAIR**
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**Public Oversight Roundtable On****Office of the Tenant Advocate's Use of the Emergency Housing Fund****and****Efficient Administration of the Vacant Property Program****Wednesday, July 14, 2010****10:00 a.m., Room 412****1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW****Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, announces a Public Oversight Roundtable on the *Office of the Tenant Advocate's Use of the Emergency Housing Fund* and the *Efficient Administration of the Vacant Property Program*. The roundtable will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. **This notice has been revised to reflect a change of date for the hearing. The hearing was previously dated for Thursday, July 14, 2010, but should have read Wednesday, July 14, 2010. It has also been corrected to give advance notice to the public.**

Office of the Tenant Advocate's Use of the Emergency Housing Fund: The Office of the Tenant Advocate is responsible for managing and administering the Housing Assistance Fund established by § 42-3403.07. Also known as the Condo Conversion Fee fund or the Emergency Housing Fund, all collections of the condominium or cooperative conversion fee are deposited therein and then expended, for among other purposes,¹ to provide recently displaced tenants with temporary shelter. By statute, the funds may be expended for a variety of purposes such as relocation payments, storage, first month's rent, moving expenses and other items incidental to relocation. The amount and method of relocation payments shall be determined by OTA. This funding is essential for displaced tenants but guidelines for use of the fund should be clearly

¹ 33% of the fund is to be used by for agency administrative and operational purposes.

defined. The roundtable is an opportunity to discuss guidelines, accounting, and appropriate administration of the fund.

Efficient Administration of the Vacant Property Program: Earlier this month the Council reestablished a 4-tier property tax policy, which included a vacant property tax of \$5 per \$100 of assessed value set to take effect in October. The higher tax rate on vacant properties had the desired effect of moving many longstanding vacant properties into productive use. Since 2006, over 1,000 formerly vacant properties have become occupied. However, complaints as to the administration vacant property program by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs and the Office of Tax and Revenue were frequent. Complaints went to misidentification of vacant properties, exemptions from the tax, timely notice and appeals procedures, retroactive assessments, and coordination with OTR. With three months until the implementation of the tax, this roundtable is an opportunity to identify administrative hurdles and their solutions.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for organizations. Those wishing to testify should contact Ms. Davida Crockett of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs via email at dcrockett@dccouncil.us, or by phone at (202) 741-0898, by Monday, July 12, 2010. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 2, 2010.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Human Services

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 117, Washington, D.C. 20004

**THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
TOMMY WELLS, CHAIR**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON

**"A REVIEW OF TEN PROPOSED
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY HUMAN CARE AGREEMENTS FOR
CONGREGATE FOSTER CARE SERVICES"**

**CA 18-334 "ECHELON COMMUNITY SERVICES"
CA 18-335 "UMBRELLA THERAPEUTIC SERVICES"
CA 18-336 "ST. ANN'S INFANT AND MATERNITY HOME, INC."
CA 18-337 "ST. ANN'S INFANT AND MATERNITY HOME, INC."
CA 18-338 "UMBRELLA THERAPEUTIC SERVICES"
CA 18-339 "SAGA ADVENTURES"
CA 18-340 "GOD'S ANOINTED NEW GENERATION"
CA 18-341 "SAGA ADVENTURES"
CA 18-342 "SAGA ADVENTURES"
CA 18-344 "FIHANKRA PLACE, INC."**

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010 - 1:00 P.M.

**THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
HEARING ROOM 123
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chair of the Committee on Human Services, announces a Public Oversight Roundtable on a "Review of Ten Proposed Child and Family Services Agency Human Care Agreements for Congregate Foster Care Services." The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) has initiated a change of procurement strategy in its recent solicitation for the provision of congregate foster care services. The change includes utilization of human care agreements that incorporate performance indicators in the areas of safety, permanence and well being. The purpose of this Roundtable is to provide the Committee an opportunity to review the ten proposed CFSA human care agreements for congregate care services and examine the solicitation process utilized by the agency.

The Roundtable will be held on Monday, July 12, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. Those who wish to testify should contact Ms Vivian McCarter of the Committee on Human Services by e-mail at vmccarter@dccouncil.us or by telephone at (202) 724-8191 by Thursday, June 8, 2010. E-mail contacts to Ms. McCarter should include the full name, title, and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the Roundtable. All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the Roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Human Services, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 117, Washington, D.C. 20004 by no later than Monday, July 19, 2010, when the record will be closed.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of any of the above mentioned human care agreements, please contact Vivian McCarter at (202) 724-8191.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary
Notice of Public Oversight Roundtable**

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**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC
OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE**

on

Video Interoperability for Public Safety (VIPS) Contract Review

on

**Wednesday, July 14, 2010
2:00 p.m., Hearing Room 120, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announces a public oversight roundtable on the District's contract with Diebold Information and Security Systems, LLC (Diebold) to provide a unified video management system capable of providing interoperability among all District agencies through the Video Interoperability for Public Safety (VIPS) facility. The hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 in Hearing Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear testimony from the public and government witnesses regarding the procurement process and the status of the contract with Diebold. VIPS provides a common operating framework to enable interoperable communications of existing disparate closed circuit television (CCTV) systems. VIPS consolidates the District's CCTV functions for the Office of Property Management's Protective Services Division, the District of Columbia Public Schools, and the District Department of Transportation within HSEMA, creating one interoperable system of over 5,200 cameras. This consolidated network is supposed to provide the District with enhanced real-time video monitoring, as well as post-event capture and retrieval.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms. Lisa Abrams, Legislative Counsel, or Ms. Deborah Kelly, Legislative Clerk at (202) 724-7808, by fax at (202) 724-6664, or via e-mail at dkelly@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Monday, July 12, 2010. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Monday, July 12, 2010 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Ms. Kelly, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2010.